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Applicant : Goldman, et al.  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING ENERGY TO  
BIOLOGICAL TISSUE INCLUDING THE USE OF  
TUMESCENT TISSUE COMPRESSION  
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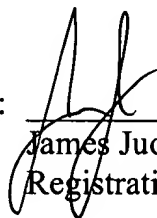
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